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Industrial Commission of Arizona c/o Charles Carpenter, Manager Medical Resource Office P.O. Box 19070 Phoenix, AZ 85005-9070 mro@azica.gov

Dear Mr. C. Carpenter,

Please accept our comments in response to the Amended Staff Proposal 2020/2021 Arizona Physicians' and Pharmaceutical Fee Schedule.

Healthesystems would like to thank the Commission for considering our recommended changes pertaining to the *Physical Medicine Guidelines*. The adoption of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines for time-based codes ensures consistency in billing and reimbursement. The proposed changes remove ambiguity, increase efficiency, and benefit both providers and payers; we fully support the Commission's adoption of these standards.

Thank you for your consideration,

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